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### **Transition**

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### **Cutting a rug**

Left, Bruce Dermott and his wife Wilma of Norland dance to the music played by Jazz Kitchen at the conclusion of the annual Hyland Crest Formal Dinner held at the Minden long-term care facility on Friday, Feb. 25. Bruce comes once a month and stays for a week. The Dermott couple have been married for 50 years. See page 10 for more photos.

**Darren Lum** Times staff

# Committee appointments contentious

**Angelica Blenich** 

Staff reporter

A motion to appoint additional members to advisory committees in Minden Hills left out a number of familiar faces at a meeting Feb. 24.

The motion appointed new members to the committees for the Irondale Community Centre; Lochlin Community Centre; parks and recreation; youth and cemetery board.

A motion for additional appointments - to

the solid waste management and cultural centre committees - was passed over by Reeve Barb Reid, who argued that upon the advice of her interim CAO they had already been discussed, voted on and a decision had been made.

'I'm sorry, but I have a big problem with that," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch. "We were told today that we would be given the chance to bring forth the motion to add new members."

Reid argued council should only discuss potential members who had yet to be brought forth and since the motion contained the names

of those previously discussed, it was inappropri-

"If this is transparency and this is where we're going ... there's no transparency here," said Murdoch. "I totally object to it and find it totally offensive. And I apologize to the good people in this community who are being stopped from being on committees. This is unacceptable."

Councillor Lisa Schell put forward a motion that the appointment of committee members previously discussed be put back on the

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# Minden Hills men charged with DUI

A 21-year-old Minden Hills man was charged with impaired driving after being stopped on County Road 21 near Cox Farm Road in the early hours of Feb. 27.

He was also charged with driving with over 80 mgs and will appear in court in

Another Minden man was caught drinking and driving at a RIDE stop Feb. 26 at 2:50 a.m. on Highway 35.

The 33-year-old was charged with impaired driving and drive over 80 mgs and will also appear in court this April.

### Man charged with break and enter

OPP have arrested a 36-year-old man for a break and enter at Shady Lane in Minden Hills.

On Feb. 28, an observant citizen reported to police that someone was in the residence that was closed for the winter.

The man was found, arrested and held in custody.

Submitted by the OPP

# Haliburton man charged after minor collision

A minor collision on Feb. 26 resulted in the arrest of a 34-year-old Haliburton

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a minor collision between a taxi and a parked car, on Floralan Park Drive, in Minden. Upon arrival, officers determined that the driver of the vehicle had been consuming alcohol.

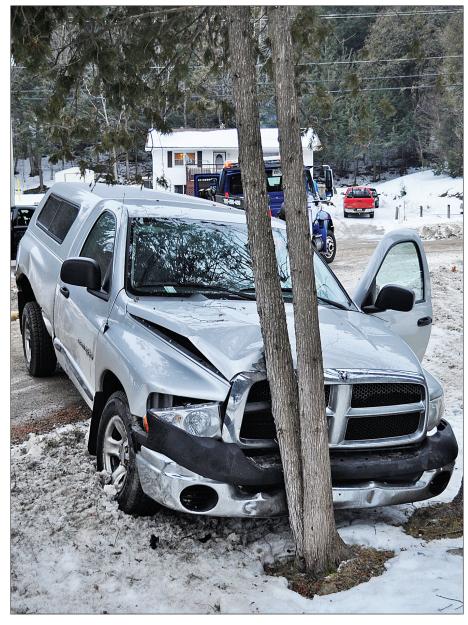
The driver of the taxi has been charged with impaired driving and driving withover 80 mgs. The driver is to appear in Minden court on April 6, to deal with the

At press time all local cab companies denied the driver worker for them.

It is unclear if the driver was on duty at the time of the accident.



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### Truck crashes into tree

A pick-up truck hit a tree in front of Viceroy on Highway 35 Feb. 24 at about 5 p.m. There were no injuries. Fire department personnel and the OPP attended the scene. **Angelica Blenich** Times staff

### The Highlands **Winter Folk Camp** When to presents two concerts give up on an uninteresting book Coles'Notes

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# Monthly three-course meal offered in Minden

**Jade Fisher** 

Times Co-op student

Rev. Ron Mahler gets his happiness through helping those in need, and on the first Friday of every month he does this by holding a free three-course meal in Minden at the community centre from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Everybody is welcome to these events donation or not, Mahler does however prefer that the less fortunate be served before casual guests.

This get together would not occur on a regular basis without the help and contribution from local businesses, church donations and volunteers.

We just want to show people God loves them, we want to be his hands and feet. We want to help this community and those who are in need," Mahler said.

Donations and potential volunteers should contact St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden for further information.



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# **Voting powers** will not be reinstated

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Feb. 24.

A provincial decision to strip hospital staff of their voting powers will be upheld despite the board's attempt to influence the outcome.

At the board meeting in January it was decided the board would send a letter to the Ministry of Health asking that doctors and hospital CEO Paul Rosebush be given voting privileges.

During the meeting board chair Dale Robinson updated the executive on the status of the letter.

"I sent a letter to the Ministry of Health and I received a reply that was very political," said Robinson. "It stated that while we thank you for your letter this decision has already been passed."

### **Board considers having fewer** meetings and members

A discussion on the need for nine board meetings a year and an executive comprised of 18 individuals was raised during the meeting, with Robinson suggesting both numbers be reduced.

The meetings, said Robinson, could be reduced to six a year, however such a change would have to be implemented in the board's policy.

"We're not deciding this today," said

A notice of a motion to address the number of meetings in the future was made by executive board member Lisa

In terms of elected board members Robinson suggested that the current make-up of the board was getting rather large and that he was proposing they not replace departing members unless there were less

### Survey results stellar

A recent ER satisfaction survey came back with impressive results, according to Lisa Kerr, director of the quality commit-

While the results showed a slight difference between the hospitals in Haliburton and Minden, with 99 per cent of ER visitors recommending the Minden hospital over 83 per cent recommending the Haliburton hospital, Kerr said the statistics were above the provincial average.

### Palliative care unit moves forward

Plans to create a hospice-style unit that would provide end of life care at the Haliburton hospital continue with the finance committee approving a motion to support a proposal to the LHIN.

The palliative care suite that the hospital is proposing would be built behind the maternity area and would include two beds, a kitchen, a family waiting room and a separate entrance to the outdoors.

Peter Oyler informed the board that he would be taking a motion forward to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation regarding the palliative care unit requesting the group takes on this effort as their next major fundraising ini-



### Geothermal dig begins

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services stand outside the Minden hospital on Feb. 24 in front of a drilling rig as the hospital's geothermal project gets underway. From back left, Peter Fearrey, hospital director of facilities and special projects; Alexandr Zaznobin, site supervisor for ecosystem; David Hulme, vice-president of market development for ecosystem; Dale Robinson, HHHS board chairman, Paul Rosebush, HHHS

Front left, Jayne Kennedy, executive member of the HHHS board and Lisa Kerr, executive member of the HHHS board.

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff

# County seeks housing study funding

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The County of Haliburton is looking for funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation to conduct a comprehensive study into housing needs in the

A resolution to apply for funding was passed by council on Feb. 23 while details of the type of study were discussed.

"I've been getting quite a lot of pressure throughout the county on the possibility of doing a study to find out what may be available out there," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Fearrey inquired into what kind of survey was being considered.

"I would prefer if it wasn't a phone one," said Burton.



I think it's really important that whatever methodology is selected that it is of a sufficiently sophisticated level that has credibility with the province.

— Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid

"It's my understanding ... that a housing needs study is the base level work that you take to the province to try and then leverage funds," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "I think it's really important that whatever methodology is selected that it is of a sufficiently sophisticated level that it has credibility with the province"

Fearrey argued that there were three levels of housing needed in the county; social, mid-range and high-end housing.

Conducting a study, said Fearrey, would help in isolating specific numbers.

According to Fearrey, a comprehensive study on the issue has never been con-

'So is the purpose then to find out what people need and where the gaps are?" asked Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol

Fearrey replied it was and the resolution was unanimously carried.

"I don't know how you'd be against that, it's the biggest need we've got," said Fear-



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# **Community 'Transition' in the works**

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

A unifying thing happened in the Fleming College main building Saturday, Feb. 26

Passionate and concerned, Haliburton County residents have taken a step toward becoming an official "Transition" community after hearing Barrie Transition members, Dave and Bonnie Collacott, speak.

It was a captivated audience of more than 20 who heard the Collacotts' experience of employing the 12-step framework (as outlined at www.transitionnetwork.org) for a stronger community dealing with issues of education, building, government, food, economy, transport and energy.

Steps are designed to organize the movement from creating working groups to reaching out to local politicians to planning visible examples of progress for the community

Although Haliburton County already has projects and hosts events closely related to the steps, the audience was receptive to being part of a worldwide network.

The steps are taken to become an official Transition community, which entails creating communities that are more resilient to outside influences, building stronger relationships between people, and addressing the concerns of a diminishing oil resource and climate change.

With official status, the county would be included among more than 190 communities globally and more than 600 other communities making steps towards official Transition status, including national transition hubs such as Transition USA.

"We think, probably, the most important thing is to look at what we can do to make our community become more resilient to handle these changes in a way that is at least as personally satisfying as the way we live now," guest speaker Dave Collacott said. "How can we respond to those things



# The most important thing is to look at what we can do to make our community become more resilient.

— Dave Collacott

joyfully and find ways to have a good life? In my mind that's what the Transition initiative is all about."

Following the presentation made by the Collacotts, the audience set a date for a follow-up meeting for 1 p.m. on March 5.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting to move the initiative forward and to learn about the key ideas of 'Transition' should telephone Kaarina Blackie at 705-754-2233 to confirm their attendance.

Bonnie Collacott said Transition Barrie continues to have growing pains more than a year after forming and recognizes the divide between communities within Barrie, caused by geographical and sociological differences.

It will most likely result in more than one Transition group in the future.

Dave said his group has been responsible for hosting several movie nights for awareness of the concept and philosophy, community challenges such as a rain barrel collection decoration contest, which resulted in several hundred people in attendance, keynote speaker presentations, food days, a soup night and a garden sharing project.

The Collacotts emphasized people must change their mindsets in order to have local change, which will then have a global impact.

The conservation group Environment Haliburton helped to organize the presentation. The international concept was started by environmentalist Rob Hopkins, who was shown on a video recorded for TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design), in Kinsale, Ireland in 2005 and Totnes, England a year later.

Many at the meeting were the who's who of the conservation and socially conscious world of Haliburton County such as EH president Eric Lilius, who was supportive and enthusiastic about Transition.

Although Haliburton County is already doing some of the things outlined for a Transition community such as open mike nights, the Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition, Haliburton County Garlic Growers' Association and the Abbey North Project, many in the audience were accepting of the concept and noted that the community's inclusion in Transition initiatives will speed up progress.

Damien Deveau, 36, said he moved to the area because of the efforts of Haliburton County to be a socially responsible community and believes Transition will facilitate greater progress using the global network.

The former sustainable building student



**Darren Lum** Times staff

EH president Eric Lilius smiles at the beginning of the Transition Community presentation led by Barrie residents Dave and Bonnie Collacott at the Fleming College Haliburton campus on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Right, guest speaker Dave Collacott of Barrie spoke to Haliburton County residents.

of Fleming College, who helped with the renovations for the Haliburton Highlands Museum, pointed out the college building collects rainwater to operate the toilets.

The Collacotts, who were invited by Lilius, know of the area through their involvement with the Gaia Centre as active directors on its board.

During the meeting, there was applause for the three municipal councillors who attended the meeting: Joan Barton, Lisa Barry and Larry Clarke.

Highlands East's Joan Barton, who is a former EH member, was reserved in her comments about how Transition could be applied to the county and acknowledged the local initiatives are occurring with groups such as EH, who have examined transportation and the local food movement among other things.

"It's good to see that the people doing this kind of work are interested in making a long-term plan and how to go forward. That's what this was about today. They're looking at the future and they are saying, long-term, 'How do we want to advance?' That kind of planning is always good and



always ultimately gets things done," she said. "I took from it – how are we going to organize ourselves for the next round of projects."

Also in attendance was Councillor-atlarge Larry Clarke of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry said she is committed to this as a councillor and a resident and is interested in attending the tentatively scheduled follow-up meeting.

For additional resources related to Transition and prominent leaders and speakers such as Hopkins see the Transition website (www.transitionnetwork.org/) and the TED website (www.ted.com).

EH's president Lilius can also be contacted for information about the local focus 705-754-9873.

# Murdoch sees no transparency

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agenda.

It was decided by interim CAO John Rogers and Reid that a short recess would take place to consider the motion brought forth.

Following the recess Reid informed council she had decided to let these motions

A motion to appoint Peter Oyler to the solid waste management committee was

A recorded vote saw Councillor Larry Clarke, Councillor Ken Redpath and Councillor Brigitte Gall vote nay while Schell and Councillor Jean Neville and Murdoch voted yay. Reid voted nay, defeating the motion.

A motion to appoint to Georgina Parkes, Sandy Valentine, Elly Malcomson and June Anderson to the cultural centre committee was raised.

"These four individuals have been on the cultural centre for seven years, they were there when the Agnes Jamieson Gallery was added on, they were there when the R.D. Lawrence [Place] was added on," said Murdoch. "They were there when the library was added on and when we expanded the museum grounds. They are up for change ... they've done hundreds if not thousands of volunteer hours. They're up for change, they supported change, they will be a great asset to the cultural centre committee. It's a win-win situation.

Gall replied to Murdoch's request by thanking her and agreeing with her input.

"Those who have put their names on the list are those who want to keep the cen-

I apologize to the good people in this community who are being stopped from being on committees. This is unacceptable.

— Cheryl Murdoch

tre moving forward," said Gall. "This is not about taking people off a list, or removing people from a list ... this is about attempting to include more people."

Murdoch argued historically the cultural centre committee was always a large one, and that while she didn't have a problem with the new people she felt expertise was

"You're celebrating these people by putting them out to pasture," said Mur-

The motion to appoint additional members, with a recorded vote, saw Clarke, Redpath and Gall vote nay and Murdoch, Schell and Neville vote yay. Reid voted nay, defeating the motion.

"As I said earlier, you may not agree with all the decisions made by this council but this council was elected by the majority of the people of the township of Minden Hills," said Reid. "I regret that there are members

of this council who forced this painful discussion to take place in public. It was the intent of this council to try to respect the

rights of individuals to privacy and respect and this was completely unnecessary."





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# Reference terms troubling for some

The following briefs are from the Feb. 24 council meeting of Minden Hills.

A new set of standardized terms of reference for advisory committees is not sitting well with some members of council.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch raised her concern with having a blanket statement for a variety of different committees, arguing it was too restrictive.

One more time, I agree with the terms of reference being decided by the individual committees," said Murdoch. "I still feel very strongly that we do not need a generic set of terms for all the committees ... I do support the committees coming up with their own terms."

Murdoch requested a recorded vote on the motion, which saw all councillors voting in support of terms of reference minus Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell.

The motion was carried.

### **New volunteering policy** implemented

Those interested in volunteering with the municipality of Minden Hills will now have to complete a police check and submit photo identification.

The stipulations are included in a new volunteering policy adopted by Minden

The policy includes an overview of volunteering, a code of ethics which must be adhered to and a confidentiality agreement which must be completed.

### Councillors agree to eliminate mileage costs

In an effort to cut back on expenses councillors agreed they would no longer claim mileage costs.

The recommendation was raised by Schell, who argued to council it wasn't a matter of the actual money but the princi-

Other councillors agreed, with Councillor Ken Redpath noting it was odd that councillors get paid to go to a council meeting.

Schell suggested that according to her rough estimates eliminating mileage costs would save the municipality \$1,600.

### Clear as mud

RANSPARENCY, according to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, is defined as being easily discerned, obvious, understood

The municipality of Minden Hills however must be using a different dictionary. Or none at all.

Prior to the recent municipal election, the word transparency was one that reverberated throughout the township and became the focus of a successful campaign effort.

However recent discussion around the council table begs the question: will this campaign slogan ever be put into practice?

During a council meeting last week, a motion to appoint additional members to advisory committees was put forward, only for those in attendance, including some councillors, to be disappointed by the turn of events.

The motion was removed from the agenda, based on the advice of the interim CAO, said Reeve Barb Reid.

The issue, said Reid, had already been debated, discussed and was put to rest. To put it in the reeve's words, the motion was inappropri-

What hadn't occureed during previous discussions was an open session discussion followed by a vote.

After some consideration and a short recess, the motion was put

back on the agenda, only to be defeated.

Four individuals who have dedicated years of experience and expertise to committees were excluded once again.

And two members of the public left in defeat.

Was the motive transparent? Yes. The action democratic? No.

The result? Disheartening.

At the same council meeting it was decided municipal volunteers would now be required to sign a volunteer policy document, which includes a confidentiality agreement, along with being required to submit to a police background

It has often been said the volunteers are the backbone of this county and without them nothing would be accomplished.

If the way things are going is any indication of what the future of Minden Hills will look like, the well of volunteers may run dry very quickly. And for those who do choose to dedicate years of service, they may find they are no longer welcome when the municipality chooses to go in a new direction.

Perhaps transparency is the right word to describe the motives of Minden Hills's elected representatives, as those motives are becoming clearer every day.

- Angelica Blenich

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letters to the editor

## **Efficiency in** oil companies astounding

To the editor,

I am astounded at the efficiency of our major oil companies!

Suppose, for example, that trouble erupts in the Middle East. Naturally, the price of crude oil rises immediately, a fact we have become begrudgingly used to. We may not understand why this happens but we're used

We also have learned to accept that a rise in crude oil prices means a rise in the price at our gas stations soon thereafter. This seems fair,  $\bar{I}$  must admit, because if the oil companies have to pay more for their raw oil then they have to pass that extra cost on to us, even though we complain bitterly.

But all this is not the amazing part! Just think about the process here. Trouble in the Middle East Monday causes our gas

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# **Democracy** Minden style

To the Editor,

On the 24th of February I attended the Minden Hills council meeting at 10 a.m. I firmly believed that a slate in a ward system could not work when three of the members, including the reeve, are from the same Ward 2, Lutterworth. The reeve had assured the electorate on election night that the Vision Team was no more. They were all individuals working on their own now.

I wanted to see for myself! In the Minden Times, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010 the reeve said, and I quote: "My goal as reeve will be to work with the new council and build on the good things in our community as well as address our needs and issues. This will take leadership and the ability to get things done. I promise you that I will operate in an ethical and responsible manner and make Minden proud of its municipal government."

Unfortunately, I did not see any of this at the meeting!

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# points of view

# **Padding the resume**

DON'T THINK ANYONE would be too surprised to hear that many people pad their resumes. On occasion, folks have been known to exaggerate skills or achievements. Often they'll give themselves more credit for training or education than they truly deserve. And, sometimes, they'll even drop big

The idea is not to go overboard so that people call your claims into question. That's why listing God as a reference is probably a bad idea; so too is listing "Master of Time and Space" under the experience portion. Yet employers who were reviewing resumes have recently reported these things.

I would personally never list God as a reference because a) I don't have God's contact information and b) even if I did, God would be far too honest for my own good.

For instance, God might tell a potential employer that I'm the kind of disruptive employee who takes great joy in sticking a pencil up each nostril and

pretending I'm a walrus. God might reveal that I don't mind knocking off early on a Friday afternoon or that when I call in sick, sometimes it's because the fishing is really good or it's opening day of duck season. God might even disclose my penchant for placing whoopee cushions in inappropriate places at inappropriate times. And all these things wouldn't help my case.

That's the problem with God as a reference. God knows way too much about you and is far too honest to lie. The truth is it's probably wrong to get God involved in this kind of thing in the first place because when it comes to resumes, the devil is in the details.

No, the best reference is someone

who is willing to overlook a few truths to help you along. That's why I'd be suspect of anyone who boasted of too much integrity.

Coincidentally, in my last real job, I was often asked to provide references. Like most people in that position, I tried to be as honest as I could, but, of course, there were times when you needed to be creative in

order to be positive.

If a person was lazy, you'd suggest that he was "laid back." If you knew that this person was a whiner, you'd say that they were "critical thinkers." And so it

After all, a job represents a new start for many people and it kind of felt nice to provide that, especially if the employees in question currently worked for you. So, while you wouldn't lie, you wouldn't tell the whole truth either. And you rationalized that by saying that perhaps that person would surprise everyone in their next work location.

But most times, I have to admit, as a reference, I also deferred to the Big Guy.

You see, after you spoke about the person in positive terms for a few awkward moments, the only truly important question inevitably came up.

The potential employer would finally ask, "Will this person be a good employee?'

To which I would often answer, "God only knows."

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# The green fields of Allsaw

**Steve Galea** 

Beyond 35

T IS ALMOST CERTAINLY because of Casey Cox's cattle that the old Robertson farm near Allsaw might be worth almost half a million dollars.

The 16 beasts that graze the old Robertson fields each summer keep the pastures open for a different kind of farm, one that could turn sunshine into electricity instead of beef.

Without the cattle, the fields would be all grown up in trees and not worth anything like the \$450,000 Keith and Julia Robertson turned down for their 200

The verbal offer came from realtor Ted Vasey, who is looking for the right kind of Haliburton acreage to grow electricity, not food. Or trees, for that

It's part of a modest kind of land rush that seems to be taking place in Haliburton County, right under our noses, a race for space for solar farms that would feed green energy into the provincial hydro grid.

Realtors are scouting out suitable acreages all over the county, says realtor Andrew Hodgson, who has approached landowners on the Scotch Line, not far north of Sapsucker Ridge.

Lochlin is another likely site. Vasey, quite properly protecting his client's identity, says "No comment" to almost

every question but discloses that Allsaw is not the only place he is looking.

The premium paid for green energy raises the price of suitable landscapes.

County planner Jane Tousaw says she is aware that solar entrepreneurs are looking at Haliburton County.

The Robertson fields are almost ideal for a solar farm. They're open, level and just down Robertson Road from a transformer station that could link a solar farm to the provincial grid.

Mortgage broker Ron May, whose 100 acres are even

closer to the transformer station, says that the ordinary price of a 100-acre lot might be a \$1,000 an acre.

May has had feelers from Vasey about his land, but no offer. Peter Schleifenbaum of Haliburton Forest, who owns acreage nearby, says Vasey mentioned the project to him during a conversation about other matters.

Another neighbour, Wayne Cox, has had a formal offer through Vasey. He asked for a better price for the hundred acres on which he lives, and hasn't heard back since.

Cox's address is on Bethel Church Road, but his back 50 acres, just over the concession line from the Robertson fields, have been kept open.

William Robertson, Keith's greatgrandfather, walked up from Peterbor-

ough in 1863 to clear Lots 22 and 23 in the sixth concession of Minden Township, west of Lake Kashagawiga-

On a Sunday walk, Keith points out where William built his first shack, his house, his barn. There are the form of the old root cellar still visible under the snow, the apple orchard his grandfather planted before

World War One, the remains of an old school or church. We turn back before we get to the Graveyard Field, where one of William's daughters now lies alone.

It's been a couple of generations since Robertsons lived on the farm, but Keith's deep family roots in the place are worth more than the \$450,000 to the Robertsons.

If the price goes up enough to change their minds, lovers of green landscapes might pay a price of their own, watching solar towers march in ranks across green pastures, just out of sight of busy County Road 21.

Under the Green Energy Act, the developer would have to leap through a complex set of regulatory hoops to get the go-ahead for the project, but most of the approvals would come from Queen's Park, leaving the township and the county watching from the sidelines.

The Act trumps local zoning and official plans, making them irrelevant. A developer would need a siteplan agreement with the township and might have to seek relief from the county's tree-cutting bylaw, but there aren't many trees in the way in the Robertsons' open space.

The approval process requires consultation with the municipality plus a public consultation, but these are early days for the Act, and nobody seems sure exactly what that means.

If a property had on it rare or endangered species and they survived the installation of the equipment, perhaps they'd do just as well among the solar arrays as among the cattle.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton

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**Neil Campbell** Back of Beyond





### HOCKEY POOL

Position	Name	Points
1	Bryan Rivard	1074.5
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3	Eric Schuster	1007.5
4	Eleanor Lymer	971.5
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14	Bob McKay	888.5
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16	Orville Meeke	875.5
17	Denniella Rivard	867
18	Chase Heinemann	865
10	Pat Barry	859
20	Gerald Ainsworth	847
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### letters

# The YMCA is more than a pool

To the Editor,

A YMCA mission statement reads "the YMCA is a charity open to all, dedicated to service to others and to providing opportunity for development and growth in spirit, mind and body." The YMCA is one of the largest charitable organizations with a worldwide presence and with a success history matched by few non-profit organizations.

At last week's Haliburton County council meeting, representatives from the YMCA and LeisurePlan (YMCA's preferred new-site research company), were invited to make presentations, explaining the process by which a YMCA facility, including a pool, would (or would not) be an economically feasible addition to our community. Unfortunately, it was clear that several council members had closed minds to the presentation content, but thankfully they did decide to take the first step in the process; the establishment of a county recreation centre committee.

While I am neither for nor against the addition of a swimming pool to our community, I am definitely for any organization or facility that will provide space, activities, programs and services which enrich the lives of all of our residents. The YMCA does not simply build a pool (and/or a gym) for a community. A YMCA becomes central to a healthy community (not just exercise health), focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. It offers programs from child care to seniors' activities and services, and for every age group in between, as well as opportunities for personal growth, community involvement and leadership. These are the things that engage and build a healthy community.

For those not familiar with what programs and services may be offered at a YMCA, besides the obvious gym, water and swimming activities for all age groups, some YMCAs include children's clubs and music programs, children's birthday parties, Christmas, March break, and PA day programs and camps for kids, teen dances and leadership training, life-saving certifications, family swim nights, first aid and CPR training, nutritional counselling and assessment, job preparation training, upgrading and employment assistance, life-skill and leisure learning, walking clubs and many seniors social and activity programs. Meeting rooms are usually part of a YMCA facility for training and teaching purposes and available for community group meeting places. Their programming and the facility are both geared to the needs of the local community.

Undertaking the feasibility study for a cost of \$32,000 + HST by LeisurePlan (the only research company the Y relies on 100 per cent for their reliable results), is the only way this community can guarantee that a YMCA facility in Haliburton County would be economically feasible. If the county, each of the four

municipalities, Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), the pool committee and other stakeholders all contributed a share of the cost towards the study, it would be a small price to pay for this guaranteed research. (The Y's success rate with this research company is 100 per cent). It is also a small price to pay in comparison to the total cost if the YMCA is eventually built, and to virtually guarantee its success (if that's what the study predicts), or to put the whole notion to bed and move on.

A YMCA with its programs, facilities and services would be most supportive to, and available for, year-round residents in the community. However, there is a trend by summer residents to use their vacation property for year-round activities such as fall and winter sports and, it might include gym workouts and swimming if they were available. Seasonal residents too are part of our community and may enjoy some of the services provided at a YMCA, especially during inclement weather. This all brings commerce into the community.

A YMCA would appeal to the retiring seniors considering Haliburton County, with its quality of life and environmental assets, for their new year-round home. Our county offers a perfect destination for retirees, who also add to our local economy. We have two great hospitals, some doctors (hopefully more soon), dentists, an excellent arts school, many galleries, clubs and guilds, and an exceptionally welcoming community for newcomers. A YMCA, with its facilities and activities, would complete the package. A strong, healthy community attracts individuals and families who can enable and grow a prosperous society.

As the county moves forward with its new committee to set the parameters for a feasibility study, it is hoped that it, along with other members of all the county's councils, and the local residents will consider the true benefit of this organization to a community. Look online and see what the YMCAs in other communities are offering, and keep an open mind for the possibilities this organization could provide in Haliburton. Look at the big picture before prejudging.

As for financing of the facility if the feasibility study indicates it would be economically viable here, there are many, many ways to finance and maintain community projects without placing the whole burden on the taxpayers – again keep an open mind. Grants, endowments, YMCA resources and knowledge of fundraising will provide many options for financing the building and operation of the facility (remember how many times they've done this successfully). Most of all, please remember, a YMCA is not just a pool – it's a hub for a strong and healthy community.

Shelley Houser Haliburton County

## Why the change now?

from page 6

The Vision Team is still a slate, voting unanimously in agreement with the reeve, four against three! When a motion was to be brought to the floor for a vote the reeve announced that she had decided to pull it and it would not be on the table for a vote – most unethical and against the procedural bylaw. The deputy-reeve informed her that she could not do this! After a short recess for the reeve to confer with the interim CAO the motion, with two parts, was read.

The motions were simply to add names to two existing volunteer advisory committees. Two votes were taken and quickly defeated, each four to three with the Vision Team and reeve voting against the motions. Previously three motions were passed unanimously to add names to three existing vol-

unteer committees! Why the change now? The reeve then chastised the two councillors for insisting that the motions be brought to a vote at the open council meeting (these two councillors were legally correct). Is this "working with the new council," "showing leadership" and "operating in an ethical and responsible manner"? Is the slate no longer in existence and the three are voting as individuals? I left the meeting in disgust wondering how anything good can be accomplished with a reeve-driven slate and the votes four against three on anything the reeve does not want. I felt no "pride in this municipal government"! Is this our Minden Hills democracy for the next four years?

Lois Rigney Canning Lake

# letters

### Companies gouging us with gas prices

### from page 6

prices to go up on Tuesday. This means that this more expensive oil is taken out of the ground, shipped to our refineries, refined into gasoline and delivered to our gas stations the very next day! The efficiency is incredible!

I was discussing this with an accountant friend of ours and he told me that I couldn't be more wrong! He explained that the oil companies were simply gouging us by selling gas made from oil they had purchased weeks or months earlier at a much lower price. They were simply seizing the opportunity to increase their profits and they know that we can't do without gasoline.

I was shocked! Surely our upstanding and reputable oil companies would never do anything like what my friend was suggesting ... would they?

Glen Bonham Minden



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April 3rd 7:00 p.m. Cemetery Board Room Meeting

(Cmty Ctr Scouts Hall)

Events Committee - meet third Wednesday of each

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### **Until March 26**

Ice Huts by Richard Johnson

This exhibition consists of a series of photographs capturing ice huts in Ontario. Johnson's visual style is simple yet intentional; isolating these structures against overcast gray, snowy backgrounds. Dr. Jamieson was also intrigued by this unique culture. A painting she did of ice huts will also be included in the exhibition.

### **Until March 26**

They Sketch...They Paint! Youth Art Exhibition Haliburton County worked with artist Rose Pearson and curator Laurie Carmount to create a body of artwork capturing their boundless imaginations.

### **Until March 10**

Toys and Games Exhibit

Coinciding with the Senior Winter Games, this exhibit will look at toys, winter sports and games from Medieval to Depression Era. The exhibit is in the Cultural Centre common room.

### Until April 22

What's Here – Biodiversity in Haliburton County Visit our stunning straw bale building and explore this exhibit to discover R.D. Lawrence's writings about our local ecosystem and what is being done locally and currently to preserve it.

### NOTICE

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **Public Welcome**

The initial meeting of the Township's Economic Development Advisory Committee will take place at the Meeting Room in the Library, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden, on Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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# Minden Hills council seeks budget input

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

A proposed draft budget by the municipality of Minden Hills shows a deficit of \$285,561.

Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard presented the document at a public meeting Feb. 22 in order to get feedback from the community

According to a budget outline as prepared by Blanchard, the most significant increases result from a \$50,000 additional contribution to reserves for the purchase of a new pumper truck, an additional \$175,000 in construction costs for the roads department and a decrease of \$45,000 in provincial funding in the environmental department.

According to Blanchard, the deficit will be covered by a tax levy increase of 3.98 per cent, which will result in an additional \$209,800. The balance remaining on the deficit

will be taken out of the 2010 surplus, said Blanchard.

The municipality is also looking at funding a number of high priority items, which equal \$313,500. The items, among other things, include conferences and education, which have increased from \$60,100 in 2010 to \$69,500.

The high priority items, said Blanchard, are submitted by department heads and reviewed by council.

Other aspects of the budget include a 3.2 per cent weighted average increase for all union employees and a three per cent increase to all non-union staff, department heads and firefighters. The budget also includes \$60,000 put towards an official plan update. Of the total cost \$30,000 will be raised through taxes while the remaining portion will be taken from reserves.

Questions from the public included an inquiry from former councillor Peter Oyler asking why, if council was forgoing a salary increase, they were increasing funds spent on conferences and education substantially? Oyler further requested a breakdown of the additional costs incurred by conferences and education opportunities, to which Blanchard replied she would provide one.

Resident Reg Holloway asked if it was fair to say items listed on the wish lists weren't of sufficient priority.

"I wouldn't say that," Blanchard said.

"It's a fine balance," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said.

In order to cover the net deficit of \$285,561 and the high priority items, a total of \$599,061 would be pecessary. This

priority items, a total of \$599,061 would be necessary. This would require a levy increase of 3.98 per cent along with \$389,261 taken from the 2010 surplus.

According to Blanchard, the surplus size and the department business plans will determine what items get funding.

Blanchard told the *Times* it will probably be the end of March before she knows what the 2010 surplus is.

The draft budget was officially accepted by council at the Feb. 24 council meeting.



### **Hyland Crest enjoys night of stars**

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services hosted their annual Hyland Crest Formal Dinner at the Minden long-term care facility this past Friday, Feb. 25. The dinner and dance is held to show appreciation to its 63 residents and their loved ones

Jazz music was performed by the Jazz Kitchen band, which entertained the audience during and after the dinner with jazz favourites such as Bye Bye Blackbird.

Left, Jazz Kitchen's lead vocalist, Irene Merritt, sings Bye Bye Blackbird.

**Darren Lum** Times staff

Below, Hyland Crest resident Allan Stokes, 77, who has been a resident since October, stands in the hallway, framed by stars at the end of the Hyland Crest Formal Dinner.



Hyland Crest's oldest resident Ted Deterling, 101, was all smiles at the annual Hyland Crest formal dinner.





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# Fire trainer 'knows his stuff'

### **Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

It seems it was largely interpersonal issues that resulted in the resignation of firefighters from the Dorset station late last year, according to the Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Review.

The review, which included interviews with a number of township fire personnel, was conducted by North Bay retired fire chief Ted McCollough and made available to the public on the township's website last month.

While it's been obvious that the departure of more than half a dozen firefighters from the Dorset station had something to do with chief training officer Ryan Reesor, the exact details of the conflict have never been made public.

"The CTO has excellent credentials for a training officer," McCollough wrote in the report. "In fact personnel at the Station 70 [Oxtongue Lake] and 80 [Stanhope] stations had only good comments regarding the CTO during the interview process."

According to the report, even firefighters at the Dorset station said they had no issues with Reesor's creden-

"Personnel at Station 60 [Dorset] admitted that the CTO 'knows his stuff,' but he was not accepted by them," McCollough wrote. "Station 60 personnel did not agree with the new direction in the training and changes to operations including everything from equipment placement on vehicles, to hose loads and running procedures. Station 60 resisted change and interpersonal conflict occurred that was not adequately managed on all

According to the report, there was a history of issues at the Dorset station that long preceded the hiring of a training officer last year. 'Interviews of Station 60 personnel drew a litany of grievances going back many years and connected to a variety of issues including amalgamation, council and staff relations and procedures employed," the report

reads. "Personnel used words such as mistrust, untruthfulness, disrespect, not being appreciated, demeaning, hurtful, aggressive, steppedover and condescending."

The report goes on to say that members at the Dorset station took issue not only with Reesor, but with township fire chief John Hogg as well.

"It is also interesting to note that Station 60

personnel feel the same about the fire chief," McCollough wrote. "Station 60 made it clear they do not care for the fire chief or the CTO and in their opinion got the "short end of the amalgamation stick.

The report also includes 37 recommendations for increased efficiency at all three stations, most of which were adopted by council.

### New principals for JDH, Wilberforce and Archie Stouffer schools

**Jenn Watt** 

Editor

One principal's retirement in Fenelon Falls has triggered a string of transfers across Halibur-

At its meeting Feb. 22, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board approved the transfer of JDH Elementary School principal Traci Hubbert to Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School, while that school's principal Joan Harpell will go to Fenelon Falls's Langton Public School.

To fill Hubbert's position, principal Elaine Fournier from Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools will be commuting to Haliburton and current vice-principal Gord Wood will take Fournier's role.

The shuffle is routine for principals, Fournier

"Generally speaking principals tend to start being looked at for transfer usually after they've been at a school for about five years," she said, noting she has been principal of CES and WES for seven.

There's no hard and fast rule to that, not in the least," she said.

The transfer will take place April 1 of this year. For Hubbert, who runs a French immersion Grade 4 to 8 school, ASES will offer new chal-

There's lots of similarities: it's still an elementary school, but it's a [kindergarten] to [Grade] 8 school. I'm not used to having primary students in the building, because I've taught at the high school and I'm here, which is [Grade] 4 to 8, so the primary piece will be new. We also have French immersion. So, I'll be going into a unilingual school," she said.

Hubbert has been principal at JDHES for seven years and was a vice-principal for one.

She says while there are differences between schools, her job as principal won't change.

"What I'm expected to do when I show up at work is going to be the exact same thing, just the student population will be different, which will be interesting. It's a neat opportunity to work with primary students and I haven't had that before. It'll be a neat experience. I'm looking forward to that."

The move will be bittersweet for outgoing ASES principal Joan Harpell.

"I am very sad to be leaving here," Harpell told

"If I have to go, Langton is my No. 1 choice," she said, noting at one time she taught at the school, which is an eight-minute drive from her home.

What Harpell will miss most is the Minden community.

"This is the most incredible school. The staff is wonderful. They're warm and caring," she said.

She has also appreciated the volunteers, who have readily pitched in with fundraisers and the breakfast program.

She has been principal at ASES for five years.

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### Poster men

Minden Pharmasave co-owners Rich Smith, left, and Peter Meraw, far right, stand outside the store window with Neil Cutler, a member of the Ontario Senior Games men's 65+ hockey team. Cutler, along with members of the team and with the help of Luke Schell, created a poster showcasing the players on the

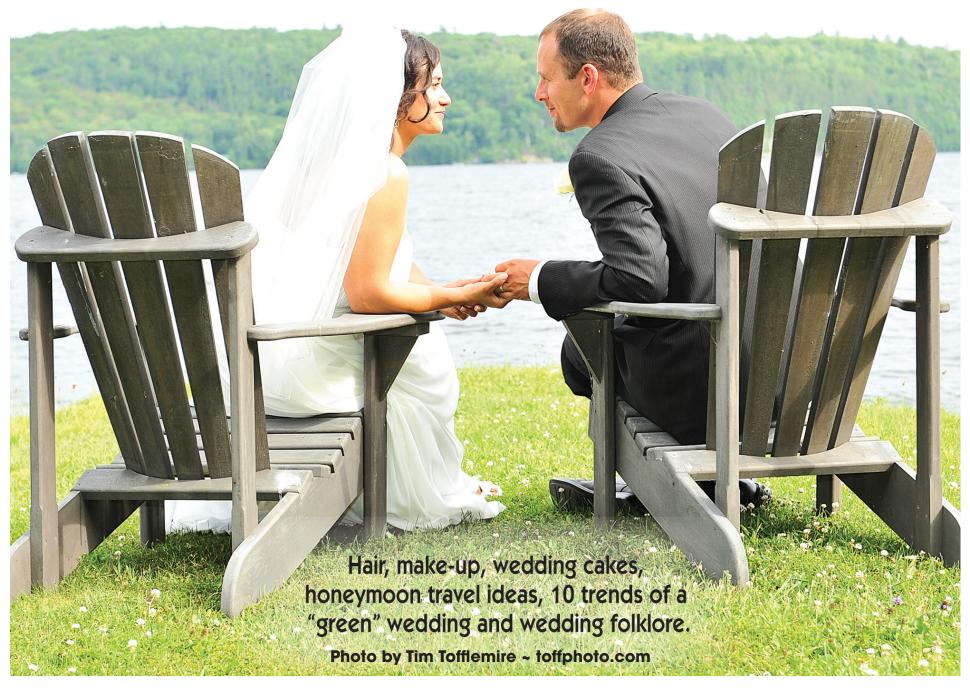
Promoting the benefits of an active lifestyle and good health, the poster was showcased in the window of the Pharmasave for the week of the games. Cutler, who says the hockey team had a lot of fun during the games, expressed his gratitude for the owners' cooperation and their true sense of community spirit.

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff



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# 2011 Medding Guide









# Congratulations! You are getting married - now what?

This is likely the first question that comes to the mind of most brides.

Most young women dream of the perfect day. However, what do you need to know in order to have that happen?

Well, when it is all said and done, I believe that there is really only one rule – be true to yourself. It may sound like something so obvious; however, it is the hardest thing to be able to achieve.

When you look at the pressure that you receive from your family, your soon to be family, your friends, and your soon to be spouse, there is one person that usually gets left behind – you.

You have been dreaming of this day since you were small; the dress, the shoes, the prince on the white horse and so on. But you are not five anymore. Do you still look at things that same way? Do you still love that big princess gown with the crystal shoes? Do you still want the 47 bridesmaids? How about the tiara and the veil as long as Princess Diana's?

Here is a quick guide to how to achieve what you want on your special day.

- 1) Collect as many reference pictures as you can. Any amount of pictures can be helpful to those vendors that you deal with. Collect what you like and what you don't, they all help to give a good idea as to what you are looking for.
- 2) Develop a theme. This helps to keep all of your grand ideas on a similar track. Sometimes we get too many ideas and we need to have some help keeping everything connected together and not scattered.
- 3) Pick your vendors. This is where most people get lost. You need to look at all of your requirements for the big day. Venue, minister, florist, hair and make-up, nails, transport, photographer, etc, etc. The list goes on and on, but you need to make sure that you have all of these locked in place. Most vendors will require deposits, which is your safety belt when it comes to making sure that they don't double book on your date or time; it also protects you, making sure that you have that vendor booked. Goodwill is a wonderful thing, but in the world of bridal, you need to have a paper that says you have it locked in.
- 4) Book your services meaning you hair, make-up, nails, massage, tan, and so forth but first, do a consultation or trial. When it comes to these services, you need to think very carefully. Make sure that whoever you book is someone that you feel comfortable with and is willing to work with you they have to listen to what you want and are comfortable with. These are one of the most essential things that happen on the day of the wedding; they can either make or break your day. It may sound superficial, but what are you like on a bad hair day? Multiply that with your dreams that





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# Pick timeless make-up and hairstyles

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remember that everyone that you hold dear is going to be watching you! Are you up to it? Well, it pays to make sure. Remember the story of your mom and her wedding day and how she got her hair done and then went home and washed it out? Don't let that happen to you. When it comes to picking these services, there are a couple of extra questions that you may wish to consider.

Go back to your first question – who are you? Are you a real glam and glitz kind of girl? A clean and fresh farm kind of girl? Whatever you feel that you are, you need to hold true to that. Remember, people want to see you – the real you – maybe just a little polished up – not overhauled and unrecognizable.

Next, don't get too contemporary; remember that classic is always timeless – remember those pictures you've seen from the '80s? Do you want to look back at your pictures and think that you made the worst choice of your adult life? Whether make-up or hair, keep them safe and simple and

they will always remain beautiful.

The other biggest suggestion that I can recommend is on location services. This may be new to you, but, over the past 20 years, I have found that salon-based wedding days are way more stressful and complicated than getting the party ready in a home or hotel or resort. Whenever you have a salon-based wedding day, you are likely to run late. People in the party may arrive late, or not at all. This will put everything behind and create unneeded stress. You may also find that multiple service salons end up holding one thing up due to something else running behind, therefore pushing your schedule out of whack and creating a sense of panic. If you do this on location, you take all of that away as well as reducing the time that you need to spend in transit to and from and the coordination that all of this requires. A professional salon will be more than willing to go on location and come fully prepared for anything. There may be a surcharge for these services, but to be stress-free and relaxed is worth it.



5) Confirm with your vendors at least a month in advance of your big day. This is one of the best things that you can do. It confirms in your own mind that all is where and when it should be, as well as lets your vendors know that you are making sure that they are on top of their jobs. Things

can happen, so doing this eliminates the chance of a small (or large) disaster from happening.

6) Take some time out. You need to rest your head before the big day. Take a day for yourself – however that works for you, but do it. This helps you to keep calm and your head on your shoulders for the hurricane of events to come. Be at peace with your self and all the details. If anything comes up, write it down and pass it on; this is what you have a bridal party for.

7) And last, but definitely not least, get ready to enjoy. The one thing that I hear from almost every bride after, is how little they actually remember from the actual day. It seems like a blink of an eye and then it is over. All of the planning and energy is done, the event is over and what do you remember? Do your best to capture every moment both visually and emotionally. It will be the best thing that you can do.

Have fun and happily ever after.

Submitted by Shawn Smandych of Ommmh





# Wedding cake trends this season



Black-and-white wedding cakes are one theme that couples routinely turn to for their dramatic flair and aesthetic appeal.

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The multi-tiered cake is a favourite wedding tradition that's often presented at the end of the night. The happy couple takes a slice and enjoys the first piece.

In recent years, wedding cakes have become more of an artistic centerpiece than just a confectionary treat. Couples often seek out renowned wedding cake bakers for a cake that will amaze the crowd and complete the theme of the wedding.

The average couple will spend between \$700 to \$800 for their wedding cake. Although many catering halls or reception sites will include the wedding cake in a package deal, many couples choose to order their cake from a specialty bakery who creates culinary masterpieces.

If television trends are any indication, many people are opting to spend several hundred to thousands of dollars on a customized wedding cake. These fondant and buttercream creations may be elaborate in nature, so much so they'll likely need to be ordered several months in advance.

Couples looking for something a bit different for their upcoming nuptials, many want to consider these trends in wedding cakes.

- 3-D accents on the cake, such as graphic appliques.
- A black-and-white motif that gives the cake a simplistic, yet trendy appeal.
- A lot of bold colour in the cake, instead of just white or ivory.
- Dramatic monograms that can add class to the cake.
- Painted cakes with edible food colouring paint that feature beautiful landscapes or a portrait. A work of art, they're both delicious to eat and fun to admire.
- Cakes that mirror the style of the wedding gown, including fondant ruffles and appliques.

Many couples still opt for the traditional, and that is always in style. Instead of experimenting with the outside of the cake, couples can be creative with cake flavour and fillings. Imagine cutting open the cake to find red velvet or a chocolate ganache filling!

# Wacky wedding facts

According to TheKnot.com, the unofficial experts on all things weddings, there are some things that may surprise the average person about weddings across the country. Here are some facts to consider.

- The average engagement ring costs more than \$5,800.
- Most brides have one do-it-yourself element, such as favours or escort cards.
- "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Lady in Red" are the two most popular first dance songs (even though 87 percent of brides wear white).
- Only 19 percent of couples rely on a wedding planner.
- Ancient Romans broke a cake over the bride's head to symbolize fertility. Today, brides must be fortunate to have only a little cake smashed in their faces!













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# Ten trends for green weddings

Environmentally friendly ideals are now permeating all aspects of daily living. Many people want to take the concept further and ensure their nuptials – and subsequent reception – are good for the planet as well.

Although there are no firm statistics on the number of green weddings being held each year, emerging trends point to the growing interest in eco-conscious weddings. Individuals who already do their best to recycle, reuse and reduce want to employ those same values on their wedding day.

There are many ways to employ a green mindset to wedding planning and execution. Largely the carbon footprint of a wedding can be reduced simply by scaling back and avoiding overconsumption. Here are some ideas to think about.

- 1. Reduce travel. Research indicates that more than two-thirds of emissions in the U.S. are produced by energy consumption and transportation. By reducing guests' need to travel far for a wedding or offering transportation that can accommodate several people at once (like a bus), carbon emissions will be reduced.
- 2. Home is where the heart is. Keeping weddings close to home is helpful. Those with big backyards or a park nearby can host the event at home or in a nearby park and reduce dependence on large reception halls that use up large amounts of energy to operate. A home wedding also gives couples the opportunity to shop around for locally produced, organic foods.
- 3. Shop for floral alternatives. Flowers would seem "green" in themselves. However, many blooms available at florist shops are grown in hothouses with the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, something that is not very good for the environment at all. Brides opting for something more eco-conscious could consider alternative options, such as bouquets made of sustainable succulent plants and centerpieces full of organic fruits and wildflowers.
  - 4. Choose an open registry. Instead of fine



Green wedding trends are growing in popularity as more brides and grooms want to be eco-friendly.

china that may never be used, many couples are opting for open registries that enable guests to gift everything from eco-friendly housewares to charitable donations to cash for down payments on a home.

- 5. Opt for mixed seating arrangements: Instead of formal escort cards indicating firm seating arrangements, couples are saving paper by allowing guests to choose their own seats from mix-matched options, such as long, communal benches and comfy sofas.
- 6. Go with something old. Recycled gowns and gently used items are good alternatives for ecoconscious brides. Many websites will match up brides with others looking to swap items at low or
- 7. Skip the paper. Though etiquette experts frown

on abandoning paper invitations for electronic ones, many couples are doing just that. For those who still prefer paper, print invitations on recycled paper. Reduce other wedding stationery needs by posting information on a wedding website shared with family and friends.

- 8. Go small scale. Instead of inviting every last cousin and distant uncle, couples are opting for more intimate affairs, including only the people they are closest to, which saves on cost and helps the environment.
- 9. Trim some of the wedding day fat. Some couples opt for an all-you-can-eat buffet and then a subsequent dessert bar later on in the evening. Stuffed guests may end up wasting more food than eating it. Instead of all-you-can, go for a more traditional meal.
- 10. Choose a charitable party favour. Instead of a party favour that collects dust on a shelf, couples are choosing to gift with organic products or a donation to a charitable organization in the guests'

### Expensive weddings

Though it's difficult to call it official, the 2004 wedding of Vanisha Mittal, daughter of steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal, is considered the most expensive wedding in history. With a final tab of \$60 million, the wedding included invitations mailed in silver boxes, rooms at a five-star Paris hotel and performances by pop singer Kylie Minogue. That final price tag dwarfs another famously expensive wedding, that of British soccer star Wayne Rooney and his wife Coleen McLoughlin. The Manchester United star reportedly spent \$8 million on their nuptials, which included a chartered flight for friends to Genoa for a masked ball on a yacht valued at well over \$100 million. Americans might recall a more recent and extravagant wedding, that of former first daughter Chelsea Clinton, whose 2010 wedding reportedly cost between \$3 to 5 million. A similar price tag was given to Beatles legend Paul McCartney in 2002 when he married former model Heather Mills. Unfortunately, that cost did not guarantee marital bliss, as the couple separated in 2006, eventually divorcing in 2008.

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Brides and grooms often have an ideal of what their wedding will be – a vision of their perfect day. While each couple's vision is unique, they all share the same burden – the ever-rising cost of weddings.

Be it a lavish ceremony and celebration with hundreds of guests, or a more intimate affair attended by only close family and friends, weddings are never easy on the bottom line. Thankfully, costconscious couples can take some creative steps to ensure they still have the wedding and honeymoon of their dreams without breaking the bank to do so.

- Calling all sponsors! With the economy still on the mend, couples can rest assured knowing there are deals to be had with regards to all aspects of their pending nuptials. One increasingly popular trend is to have the wedding "sponsored" by local vendors. In exchange for discounted services rendered, couples agree to mention contractors in their wedding program or display business cards at the reception table. For example, wedding photographers often make their money through word of mouth, so a reference in the wedding program might be enough to garner couples a discount on the photographer's services. Such "sponsorships" will need to be agreed upon before the big day, but can save couples a significant amount of money.
- Get help with the honeymoon. Unlike couples of yesteryear, today's couples often live together before walking down the aisle. This has made traditional wedding registries somewhat obsolete, as couples often already have everything they need.

"We already lived together and had all the kitchen gadgets, towels and bed sheets we could possibly need," says Sarah, who lived with her now-husband Patrick prior to getting married.

Thankfully, Sarah and Patrick discovered Honeyfund.com, a free online honeymoon registry catering to couples who could use some help planning and paying for their perfect honeymoon.

The ideal solution for couples without the need for a large traditional registry, Honeyfund enabled Sarah and Patrick to plan their dream honeymoon while



Couples have options, including cash registries, to help them avoid breaking the bank to pay for their dream wedding.

allowing guests the satisfaction of giving a gift the newlyweds would truly enjoy. Wedding guests can conveniently choose from a host of activities listed by the newlyweds themselves. From dinners and hotels to ferry and gondola rides, even airline and train tickets, Honeyfund offers a wide selection of gifts for wedding guests while helping savvy and creative couples significantly reduce the cost of their first getaway as a married couple.

• Save, save, save. Traditionally, the bride's family foots the bill for the wedding. With that tradition fading and today's couples now baring more of the burden of paying for their wedding, saving is critical. As bridal couples enter the biggest buying period of their lives, escalating costs of home down payments, furniture, appliances, and child rearing only amplify the need for savings. Couples can get some relief by directing their friends and family to gift registries like Honeyfund.com, where guests can contribute to a down payment for the young couple's first home, or a general savings fund that can be used for projects, furnishings or anything the couple needs. Guests often love knowing how their financial contribution is being spent, be it for a home down payment, home improvement projects or other savings.

"Wedding gift givers are flocking to cash registries because they are hassle-free and provide an opportunity to give something unique," says Sara Margulis, CEO of Honeyfund.com. "A honeymoon experience or a contribution toward the couple's first home are memories that last a lifetime."

To learn more about Honeyfund, visit www.Honeyfund.com.

# Wedding folklore, myths and good luck charms

Echo/Times Wedding Guide 2011 March 1-2, 2011

Who doesn't hope for good fortune on their wedding day? That's why there are so many traditions and steps people take to ensure luck is smiling down on them for their wedding. Here are some traditions you may not have known about.

- According to Greek culture, tuck a sugar cube into your glove on your wedding. The sugar will sweeten your union.
- English tradition says that Wednesday is the best day to marry. Monday is for wealth and Tuesday is for health. Saturday is considered the unluckiest day to marry.
- The English also believe a spider found in a wedding dress is good luck.
- The groom carries his newly betrothed across the threshold to protect her from evil spirits.
- Hindu tradition says rain on your wedding day is good luck.
- For good luck, Egyptian women are known to pinch the bride on her wedding day.
- In Holland a pine tree is planted outside of the newlyweds' home for good luck and fertility.
- A law in 1775 said a wedding was not legal if the bride wore makeup during the ceremony.
- Wedding and engagement rings are worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because it was long believed a vein ran from that finger directly to the heart.
- Ancient Greeks and Romans said a wedding veil protected the bride from evil spirts. It has been a tradition to wear a veil ever since.
- The term "tie the knot" comes from Roman times when the bride wore a girdle tied in knots that the groom was later able to untie. Some also believe it refers to the knots of rope that were tied to form the marriage bed.







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If you want warm weather and activities, not a lay on the beach couple, how about an Eco tour of Costa Rica?

If you are both lovers of art and culture and history, then how about a week in Paris – the most romantic city in the world!

And Italy – a week in a beautiful seaside resort just south of Rome, with two meals daily, and water and wine can be about the same price as a five star resort in the Caribbean and it's ITALY!

A honeymoon doesn't have to mean an all-inclusive

week to the Caribbean ... it can be whatever you desire within your price guide.

Perhaps the wedding party wants to give you a gift of a honeymoon. Travelplus can set up a wedding registry where your friends and family contribute to your wedding account. Then, working with me, you can choose where you want to go with a sizable credit on file.

Too many wedding couples forgo the honeymoon – knowing they want their new appliances, or "we'll take the trip later." Sometimes that doesn't happen for many years. A honeymoon is a wonderful opportunity for two people in love to unwind and relax after months of planning a wedding, enjoying the wedding day unfold – knowing that for a week there will just be the two of you.

As a mother (and their travel agent) I am so glad that my son Patrick, and his beautiful bride, Jashelle were able to have their honeymoon in Aruba in 2009. My daughter Chloe already knows where she wants to go – Bora Bora!

Submitted by Linda Coneybeare, Manager of Travelplus Haliburton – 38 years in travel industry



# Pool proposal sinks at county meeting



County councillors vote 7-1 against \$35,000 feasibility study for public facility after presentation

### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

A research study into the feasibility of a pool in Haliburton County will not be moving forward after members of county council voted against it 7-1 on Feb. 23.

A delegation made by John Stevenson, on behalf of Leisure-Plan International Inc., on the feasibility study process was met with mix reactions from county councillors.

At a total cost of \$35,000 the market demand study, originally proposed by Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid at a committee meeting on Feb. 9, would include a random sample of the permanent population between the ages of 20 and 64.

"This is our target demographic," said Stevenson. "It's specifically focused on the permanent residents because those are who will sustain operations. The seasonal residents are our

Conducted by phone, the survey would sample 710 residents across the county's four municipalities and with a five per cent margin of error.

It would include questions around the type and size of a proposed facility and would require a minimum of eight weeks to complete.

"The result may be a decision that your market can't sustain this type of facility," said Stevenson.

 $\label{lem:company} A \ research \ company \ operating \ out \ of \ Toronto, \ Leisure Plan$ has conducted similar studies for the YMCA over the past 15

Bob Gallagher, CEO of the YMCA Belleville/Quinte/Peterborough, told council that while the idea of constructing a pool facility in a sparsely populated area such as Haliburton County may be financially daunting, it is feasible.

'There are YMCAs in small areas and some examples are Innisfill, Wasaga Beach and Goderich," said Gallagher. "There are risks around capital development."

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey expressed concerns with the study's targeted sample.

"That age group is the working class here, the poorest sector of our economy and the seniors are going to be subsidized. The group that want these facilities are the ones that have the ability to pay, in my opinion," said Fearrey. "So we're not even talking to them about this?"

The over 65 demographic, said Stevenson, was a difficult one to target for logistical reasons.

As for leaving the seasonal residents out of the survey, Fearrey pointed out this group would be paying for 80 per cent of the cost through taxes.

The information collected from the research, said Stevenson, would not focus so much on the capital costs but rather on whether the county could afford to operate and sustain it.

"You can't make that case based on seasonal residents," said

Fearrey questioned the YMCA's role in the project, to which Gallagher replied the organization would only come into a community with an invitation.

"Just one more question, do you know any other places in the province the size of Haliburton County that has one swimming pool, with a population of 16,000?" asked Fearrey.

That line of thinking, said Stevenson, was the wrong way to approach the issue. As is the case with the majority of municipalities, a multi-use facility would be a better fit for the needs of a community than just a pool, he argued.

"Don't get the idea I'm totally negative about this, I want a pool too. I just think we're ahead of ourselves and more dialogue is needed," said Fearrey.

We're responding to a request, we're not proponents of building a pool here," said Stevenson. "We're saying that if you're considering it you should do research to make an

informed decision ... my business is to help you make an informed decision."

Other members of council expressed similar concerns to

"I went away for a month's holiday and I come back and find that the pool is the No. 1 issue in Haliburton County," said Bill Davis, deputy-reeve of Dysart et al.

There are other more pressing concerns, said Davis, including affordable housing.

Fearrey asked if further discussion on the issue was necessary before a resolution was brought forth.

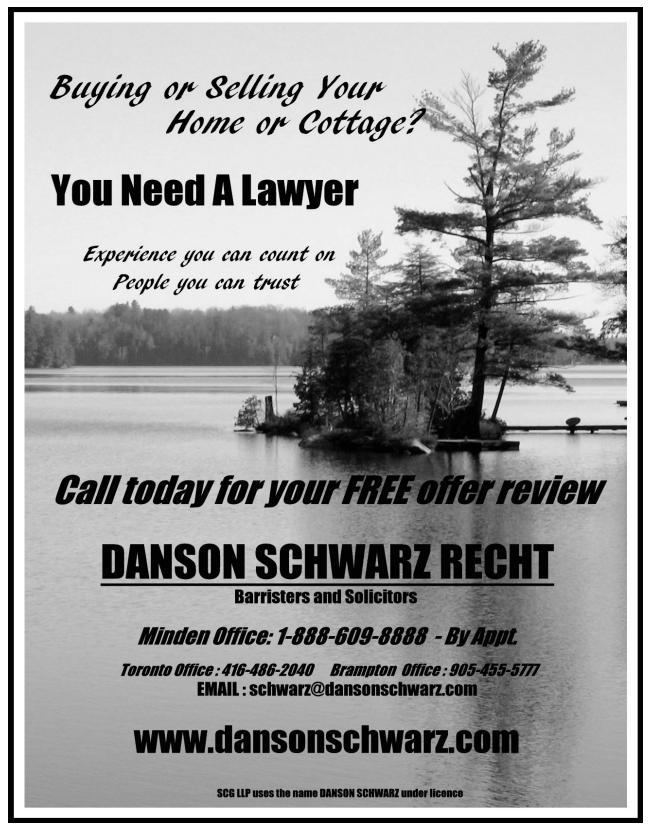
"Like the Rail Trail, I think we have to take control of this issue," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

A resolution to proceed with applying for a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for funding to be used to assist in undertaking a pool feasibility study and be included in the economic development budget was brought

A recorded vote, as requested by Murdoch, saw all councillors, minus Reid, vote nay, thus defeating the motion.

"I think we need to have a next step, we need to come out of today with an action item," said Moffatt. "We can't just say no

A resolution to form a committee to continue discussions with appropriate parties on the pool issue was unanimously



# Communicating the love of literacy

### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Young students are looking forward to the next one.

More than 80 students participated in the inaugural J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Writers' Conference held Friday, Feb. 25.

Grades 4 to 8 students from area schools such as host JDHES, Wilberforce Elementary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School of Minden came for the day.

Divided into groups, that included jun-

ior (Grades 4-6) and intermediate (Grades 7-8), the students received instruction and guidance, then workshop opportunities to put what they learned into practice, completing works of fiction and non-fiction.

There were three sessions for each group led by lacal residents who work with words including Bessie Sullivan, Steve Galea, Michele Shapiera, Laura Redman, Melody Richardson and Ron Evans.

This was funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's program enhancement fund, which helps with enhancing education through innovative ideas.



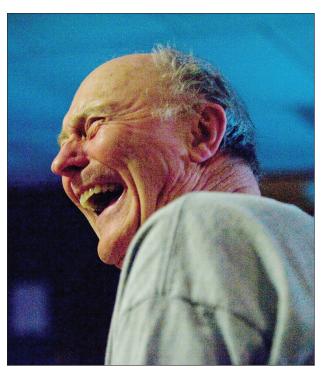


Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 students, left, Dawson Allore and Jonathan McKinley talk about the humour stories for a session led by local author and columnist Steve Galea during the inaugural J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Writers' Conference in Haliburton on Friday, Feb. 25.

Left, Dawson Allore reads his humour piece.

**Darren Lum** Times staff





There was plenty of laughter during the Bowl for Kids' Sake

# **Bowlers** raise almost \$7,400



Haliburton and District Lions Club member Tina Hadley bowls for the cause.



"Dead Marilyn Monroe," as dressed by Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle, smiles as part of the dead celebrities theme during the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton held at the Fast Lane in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 26. The event that drew 41 bowlers helped to raise \$7,398.50. It is the biggest fundrasier for the organization, raising close to a third (along with events in Bobcaygeon and Lindsay) of the total budget for the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton

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### Red Hawk curlers bring home bronze, snowboarders qualify for OFSAA

The following are briefs for the Red Hawks athletic teams for Feb. 18 - 24.

### Friday, Feb. 18

The boys' Red Hawks curlers won bronze at the Gore Mutual Schoolboy Provincials—third in the province. They also qualified for Kawartha playoffs in Campbellford.

The snowboarding team competed in the COSSA cham-

Jessica Bishop was the fastest girl and Mackenzie Robinson was the fastest boy. Our girls' A and B team qualified for OFSAA, including Lindsey Pogue, Heather Hamilton, Mackenzie Hill, and Mike Kunkel. The boys' A team also qualified for OFSAA with a silver medal performance.

### Tuesday, Feb. 22

The Nordic ski team was successful at COSSA with the following results:

Novice:

Gold -Jillian Mayhew and Jacob

Outram

Third - Lindsey Pogue

Junior. Girls:

Fourth - Christine Darlington

Fifth - Mackenzie Hill

Senior. Boys:

Fourth - Josh Wright (OFSAA qualification).

The boys' Red Hawks curling team defeated Brock 8-7 in an extra end on Day 1 of the Kawartha championships in Campbellford.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

The men's Red Hawks hockey team advanced to the league semi-final game by defeating the Norwood Knights by a convincing 8-0 score.

The Lady Hawks hockey team ended their run at the playoffs with a loss to Thomas A. Stewart Secondary.

briefs compiled by Judi Paul's class



**Darren Lum** Times staff

Red Hawks senior Josh Wright pole drives on the flat, completing his first lap of his two-lap 8 km race at the COSSA finals hosted by Haliburton at Glebe Park on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Wright was the first individual finisher and earned a berth to the OFSSA championship.



### Darren Lum Times staff

Red Hawks captain Scott Griffith hits Norwood Knights player Dylan Brightman, challenging for the loose puck in the Kawartha playoffs held at the Dysart Arena on Thursday, Feb. 24. Haliburton easily won 8-0.

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Left, vice, Owen Duhaime, lead, Tyler Warham, second, Mike Mazara, skip, Jesse Walker and coach Tom Dibblee had reason to smile advancing to the COSSA finals with a Kawartha Championship won last week. /Submitted photo



# Haliburton girls curling team heads to COSSA next week

### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

From here on in everything is gravy.

That's the overall feeling from the Red Hawks girls' curling team, who were all beaming with pride, smiling because they had exceeded all of their pre-season expectations with their recent berth to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals in Sterling on Monday, March 7.

Their 2011 run continues because of a Bfinal victory in the Kawartha Curling Championships against Thomas A. Stewart Secondary Griffins over the course of two days last week.

This team's COSSA berth is the first in the Red Hawks history, which dates back at least 12 years and far exceeded the team's initial goal of winning a couple of games at Kawartha.

An improbable win started things off for the team comprised of Grade 10s, who are skip, Laura Pottier, vice, Holly Broderick. second, Emily Shapiera, lead, Shannon Bittner and alternate lead Alana Bannister.

They have known each other since grade school, but only played as a team for the first time this year.

After the South West Kawartha Curling Championship, a qualifier for the Kawartha Championship, Haliburton was not optimistic with their finish of a 2-4 record.

They entered the eight-team doubleknockout Kawartha Curling Championships as the fourth seed and forced to start their run for a COSSA berth against the top-seeded I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats.

Despite the seed differences, Haliburton upset the Wildcats, handily defeating them 10-6 in eight ends.

This was a tremendous confidence boost

in the double-knockout format, alleviating stress, the team said.

The team's subsequent win against the Griffins gave Haliburton an undefeated 2-0 record on the first day and a place in the A-final against Campbellford on the next

However, a 7-1 loss in the sixth end to Campbellford gave the team something to think about during an extended break of a couple hours.

The break did the team well.

When you've been friends since grade school (and kindergarten for Pottier and Shapiera) there is never anything that is left unsaid and the team used the time off the ice to regroup, relax and believe in their chance to seize the opportunity.

They said this was an advantage for the team during this run. It helps them deal with each other honestly during stressful situations and it proved advantageous in the B-final against the Griffins.

Early in the final game, Haliburton fell behind by three points, but found the resolve, as they did in the same exact circumstance in their earlier meeting (including the 4-1 score in the fifth end),

Pottier said her squad was confident when they fell behind by the same deficit and was up to the task that they could duplicate the comeback with the knowledge they had done it in the first meeting

Besides their close relationship, another aspect to their successful run, they said, is owed to coach, Scotty Boyd, who has not only been at every competition this season for advice, coaching and morale, but was their at the beginning before Grade 5 for Pottier, Shapiera and Broderick and not much later in Grade 7 for the rest.

Their entire foundation of skill depended

upon his coaching, they said.
"I know for me I wouldn't be able to call half as good a game if it wasn't for Scotty," Pottier said, adding the team owes a lot to him and his wife Jane.

She said after games she discusses her shot selections with Boyd.

School coaches Kathy Hutson and Michele Shapiera have also helped Hali-

Bittner had said the team started the sea-

son and hoped to score at least a point in each game.

The group plays in the Monday's Ladies League and uses the following day for a skills night during the Youth Curlers night. both out of the Minden Curling Club.

With the recent success, the team, which expects to play together next year, can only improve and has ample reasons to raise expectations whatever the outcome at COSSA

### Notice

### **NOTICE TO TRUCKERS** 2011 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

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# 27th Rockbuster spiel hits the button

**Don Pflug** 

Special to the Times

On Friday evening 96 curlers from Elmira, Haliburton, Lindsay, Oshawa, Port Perry, Thornhill, Sudbury, Toronto, Waterloo, Whitby and of course, Minden, converged on the Minden Curling Club to compete in the 27th Annual Rockbuster Men's Open Bonspiel. You could feel the excitement and anticipation in the air as the 24 teams renewed acquaintances and met new team members while they eagerly awaited the start of a weekend of curling, feasting, fun and prizes.

The camaraderie among the players, the laughter, the raffles, the steak rolls, the pork, chicken or beef sandwiches, the peameal bacon on a bun with tons of fried onions, the four-course breakfast and the Saturday evening prime rib feast as well as the great curling competition are the reasons why this event is so well attended. Many teams and players have participated in the Rockbuster for years, but the record goes to the Colliver team who have been in all 27 Rockbuster Spiels, curling with their dad in the early years, and have been the spiel winners five times.

All teams start on an equal footing and then according to wins and losses, teams are slotted into A, B, C and D events. All teams are guaranteed three games, however, a loss in the third game or thereafter results in elimination.

Congratulations to the Thornhill team skipped by Marcus Kuuter and team members Scott Wilson, Pete Laidlaw and Les Thompson who are the winners of the A event, sponsored by Prentice Power Sports, and also the overall winners of the 27th annual Rockbuster Curling Bonspiel.

The B event, sponsored by Minden Subaru, was cap-



Minden's Eric Casper, left, Mike Clewlow, Dave McKay and skip Ted Wilkes were winners ot the D event during the 27th annual Rockbuster bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club on the weekend. /Photo submitted

tured by the team from Oshawa skipped by David Whetmore with team members, Wayne Smith, Brian Smith and Ron Haney.

The C event honours, sponsored by Garbutt Disposal, went to the team from Whitby skipped by John Sievers with team members Gary McConnell, Kevin McConnell and

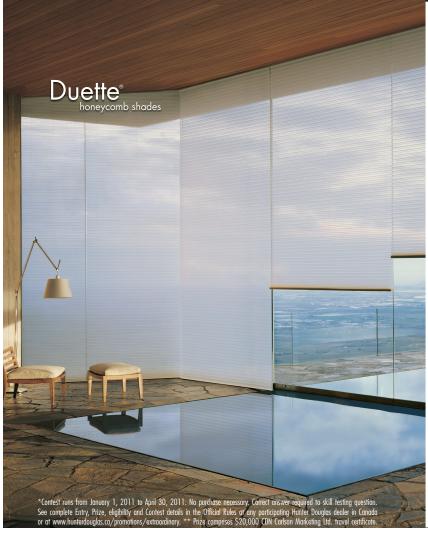
The D event winners, Sponsored by Dollo's Foodland, hail from Minden with Ted Wilkes as skip and team members Dave McKay, Mike Clewlow and Eric Casper.

Iain Kay, convener of the Rockbuster, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the sponsors of the Rockbuster,

namely: Prentice Power Sports, Minden Subaru, Garbutt Disposal and Dollo's Foodland and everyone who donated items for the raffle. Wes Lytle was the winner of the team entry fee for next year's Rockbuster. Wes also won this coveted prize last year.

In his closing remarks, Kay expressed his appreciation to the 25 volunteers whose tireless time and efforts contributed to the overall success of this event and finally to all the curlers without whom there would not be a Rockbuster.

The 28th Rockbuster will be held the weekend of Feb. 24 to 26, 2012. Put it on your calendar.



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# Small touches matter



### **Patti Fleury** Around the Town

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At the annual general meeting of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild members welcomed as their guest speaker Lance Sherk, Manager for Development Services, Economic Development Department, City of Kawartha Lakes. He shared with the group the results from First Impressions this past summer's exchange program with the village of Apsley. Unannounced the team from Apsley, like secret shoppers, visited Kinmount on Wednesday, Aug. 25 and completed its survey as if first time visitors during the tourism season. In turn, the Kinmount group completed a review of Apsley and reported back its findings to that community. For our town there were many positives identified especially the natural setting, beautiful floral touches, new washrooms, signage, post office and the Artisans Marketplace. Other areas however need to be addressed with a goal of making our town a destination point for area visitors rather than a pass through. To this end the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development will be reviewing the report and working with the city and the other municipalities involved to explore new initiatives. Personally I find a cheerful "good morning" to all passerbys along Main Street is well received and has absolutely no funding implications. Small touches matter.

From our churches an invitation to attend the "World Day of Prayer" this Friday, March 4 at Kinmount United Church beginning at 2 p.m. This year's featured country is Chile and the program will follow one prepared by the women of Chile. Representatives from the four Kinmount churches will be taking part in this annual worldwide celebration. All are most welcome to the church located up on the hill at 15 Cluxton St.

Further to our churches a warm welcome is extended to the Rev. Joan Cavanaugh the newly appointed Anglican Priest for the Parish of Minden-Kinmount. Rev. Cavanaugh will be formally inducted on Sunday, March 6 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden at 4 p.m. The Minden-Kinmount Parish includes the three congregations of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, St. James Anglican Church in Kinmount and St. Peter's Anglican Church at Maple Lake. Please note that there will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden. Everyone is most welcome to attend this special Service as the Lenten Season begins.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club will be serving up a hearty pancake supper on Pancake [Shrove] Tuesday, March 8 at the Community Centre from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is by donation with funds raised going to support the Kinmount Playschool, a program for preschoolers held at the centre two mornings each week (Monday and Wednesday). The purchase of books, toys and craft supplies helps to enrich the valuable program offered at the Playschool for these our littlest residents and their families.

Advance tickets are still available for the third Kinmount Gazette and Victoria Pony Club Annual Dinner and Loonie Auction fundraiser this Saturday, March 5 at the Galway Hall. The cost is \$12 and for tickets to a fun evening in support of two worthwhile projects please call 705-488-2547, 488-2919 or 488-3182. Bid items can also be donated for the auction through these contacts.

It will be game show and dance night at the Legion Branch 441, Kinmount on Saturday, March 19 with popular DJ Paul Wilson. Both your Irish luck and skill may be tested and the cost is only \$5 which includes a light luncheon and prizes. For more details call Tracy at 705-488-2810 or the Branch at 705-488-3462.

Please note that the Legion has now completed its Tuesday lunch program for the year, but watch for a spring announcement about future plans.

For all you photo buffs a reminder to get your cameras ready. Entries for the new promotional Kinmount 2012 community events calendar can be sent to kinmountinfo@

Our snow buntings are back, a welcome sight. Until next

### Winter too long

there are true Canadians among us!



**Gina Atkinson** Stanhope Life

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Winter is tiring and way too long. Many thoughts go through my mind this time of the year. The other day I made the mistake of voicing my heartfelt need for an early spring to an avid skier. Wrong! This always proves that

They're the tough bunch, throw any weather at them and they find something to do with it!

My list for things I don't do gets bigger every year; I won't ice fish (I worry about thin ice); I don't ski (my unbroken bones are important to me, this applies to skating as well) Snowmobiling (can't start my own machine and don't like high climbs and sharp drops).

As I get a little bit older, I totally understand why people leave our country for periods of time to get a break.

Anyways, a ray of hope was sent my way this week from the Township of Algonquin Highlands regarding the Stanhope Soccer League registration.

There are two dates - Tuesday, March 15. from 7 and 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 26. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall on North Shore Road, Carnarvon.

These dates will be here before you know it, so here's some stuff you need to know. Soccer is available for boys and girls from the ages of 5

to 14 as of June 21, 2011 and it's important to bring your health card.

If you are not between the ages of five and 14 there are other things you can do such as volunteer. They are looking for coaches, assistant coaches as well as student coaches. What a great way to watch the game, participate, see

your friends, neighbours and enjoy the season. Please call the recreation department at 705-766-9968

for more information.

Yes, this was my glimmer of hope for an early spring. Have a great week!

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### Weekly Sudoku

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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### Registration

**Tuesday March 15 Saturday March 26** 7:00pm - 9:00pm 10:00am - 12:00pm

### **BOYS** and **GIRLS**

Ages 5 to 14 (as of June 21, 2011)

Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall North Shore Road, Carnarvon

Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches needed. Please call the Recreation Department

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### **Allan Thomas Memoral Fishing**

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### Coming Events





### **HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS**

Thursday, March 10/11:

### **SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL**

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> Thursday, April 7/11: Thursday, May 12/11: Thursday, June 9/11:

**TAMARA DREWE MADE IN DAGENHAM** THE KING'S SPEECH

2 shows - 4:15 and 7:15 Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School All Tickets \$8.00 at the door More info: www.haliburton-movies.com

### Snowball thrives



### Melissa Alfano

**Dorset News** 

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In spite of a tremendous effort by Mother Nature to thwart the festivities, the Dorset Snowball was once again a success. One event had to be cancelled because the presenter couldn't make it through road closures due to bad weather (Wye Marsh Birds of Prey) and the town crier couldn't get out of his driveway, but all else went as planned and attendance was good in spite of it all.

Congratulations to Dan Michaud who won \$183.50 in the Dorset Heritage Museum Snowball 50/50 draw.

While it's still fresh in everyone's mind, there will be a Snowball debriefing meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome to attend to critique this year's carnival and to offer helpful suggestions to make our already award winning, world famous carnival even better. For more information, call 705-766-

If you have Snowball pictures to share, please email them to drc@algonquinhighlands.ca and they may even appear on the Snowball website!

Ladies Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre is Wednesday, March 2 starting at 7 p.m. (postponed from February 2 because of bad weather) and the theme is chick flick and chocolate. Come out and watch Eat, Pray, Love and partake in a special chocolate treat. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 705-766-9968 for more information.

The response was good and TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a go in Dorset. The group will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is an annual fee of \$30 to join plus a \$5 weekly fee. All are welcome. For more information, give Lori a call at 705-766-2745.

The World Day of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920. This event became the International World Day of Prayer in 1922 and Christians around the world began celebrating this event on the first Friday of March.

A local World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Knox United Church in Dorset on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend the service that will focus on Chile and its unique culture and heritage. For more information about World Day of Prayer in Dorset, please give Stephanie Rabjohn a call at 705-766-2207.

There will be a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Adults are \$10, children 12 and under are \$6 and a family of four (2 adults and 2 kids) are \$25.

The dinner is a fundraiser to help cover the cost of CCSVI Treatment for MS for Jim Arbuckle. Jim has to travel to Rhode Island to receive the treatment. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Sharon Arbuckle at Sharon\_arbuckle@sympatico.ca or call 705-766-9305.

There is a meeting of the Dorset community planning group scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome.

# Coming Events



### The Snow Queen

Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 2 pm The Northern Lights Pavilion (Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) Adults \$8, Children \$6 (under 2 free) For more information call Dawn Hurd 705-455-9345 www.razzamataz.ca

### A huge thank-you to our sponsors for the 2010/2011 series!

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### community What's happening in the County



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- Wednesday: Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission Thursday: Bid Euchre 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618
- March 1: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. For more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- March 1: GriefShare: starting from 7:30-9PM for 13 weeks at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park Street, Haliburton. This group is sponsored by people who know what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. For further information contact Susan Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.
- March 1: Person directed planning workshop: Assisting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Dysart Library at 5:30pm for more information contact 705-749-6681
- March 2: Volunteer Income Tax: Every Wednesday located at the Wilberforce Legion from 2pm to 3:30pm ending Wednesday April. 20 for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- March 3: Person directed planning workshop: Assisting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Bobcaygeon Library 6pm contact 705-749-6681
- March 4: Highland Lakes Community Church Bread for Life Dinner: will be held the first Friday of every month (beginning Feb.4) at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 lunch served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Share a free hot meal and good conversation with your neighbors. Everyone Welcome. Transportation is available for those who need it. For more information contact 705-286-0700 or Web:highlandlakesscc.weebly.com
- March 5: The Kinmount Gazette & Vicotria Pony Club host their annual Dinner & Loonie Auction located at Galway Hall. Social Hour 5pm. Dinner 6pm. Tickets \$12 available at Gateway Variety, Austin Lumber, Kinmount Tim-BrMart & committee members or by calling 705-488-2547. Donations of prizes welcome.
- HALIBURTON COUNTY: Prenatal Classes in the villages of Minden and Haliburton. Join these free classes offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Find out about class times and schedules by calling toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 324-3569.

- March 9: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Sears Building) in Minden. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
- March 15 7-9 pm & March 26 10-12 am Stanhope Socer League Registration located at the Recreation Centre for more information call 705-766-9968
- March 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
- March 19: Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Dance located at the Haliburton Legion Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 a couple (available NOW) Contact the Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

# Season ends for Bantam B girls

The Highland Storm Bantam B girls wrapped up their season in Wilberforce on Sunday night. They hosted the North Simcoe (Midland) Capitals in the last game of their provincial play-

Jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Sydney Feir and Nicole Black, the Storm girls were unable to defend their lead and gave up four unanswered goals, losing their final game of the season 4-2.

A great year with many highlights, including our Orillia Sunshine Tournament Championship. Work on your areas of "needing improvement" over the off-season and get ready to "storm" into the Bantam B loop next year girls. We have made other teams take notice. The coaching staff would also like to thank Minden Car Quest Auto for their sponsorship this season as well as the other businesses, volunteers and family contributions of support for our team.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

### **Atom AEs sweep Huntsville** in divisional semi-finals

Final Scores: 2-0 and 4-1 wins over Huntsville.

The Floyd Hall Insurance Atom AEs quickly picked up the pieces of their OMHA ouster and swept past Huntsville in two games this past weekend.

The first game was in Minden and it became quickly apparent that Huntsville is a much-improved squad. Still, our boys seemed to score whenever they needed. A goal in the first period by Shawn Walker that was assisted by Noah Black opened the scoring and Matthew Manning's goal helped by Ben Schmidt quickly followed. These two goals and some solid goaltending by Carson Sisson were all they needed to secure the win but as the seconds ticked down Jesse Sisson added an exclamation point by scoring an empty-netter on a nice shot from centre.

The second game started in much the same fashion. Early goals by Ryan Prentice assisted by Alex Petrie and Jaxson Campbell and Bo Stevenson also supported by Alex Petrie and Aiden Garbutt put the Highland team in a secure position to win. Matthew Manning scored off a rebound by Shawn Walker in the second period and Ryan Prentice added his second of the night off a nice shot from the point. Jesse Sisson and Matthew Manning assisted on the play.

Unfortunately, Huntsville broke the two game shutout by scoring in the final few minutes but by then it was inconse-

Our boys now wait for the outcome of Bracebridge and Port Carling to see who they will meet in the final. Well done boys! Submitted by Jon Petrie

### **Bantam AEs earn finals berth** in MPSHL playoffs

The Bantam AE Storm has closed out two of the three competitions that they are still participating in. The OMHA play downs came to a conclusion with a loss to the Douro Dukes in Haliburton on Feb. 15. In the series finale the Dukes won 4-



The Wilberforce Rockets still finished with smiles despite falling to cross-town rivals the Bancroft Jets 4-2 during a round-robin playoff game in the Wilberforce/ Bancroft junior house league playoffs at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on Sunday, Feb. 27.

**Darren Lum** Echo staff

1. Goalie Logan Churko stopped everything he could see but the Dukes continually sent bodies to the net and every possible break seemed to go their way. Braden Roberts carried the Storm offensively and once again scored on a solo dash but it was a case of too little too late. The Storm could match the will and effort of the visitors but not their size and strength.

The Bantams ended the Tri-county regular season on a high note as they polished off Omemee 2-1 on Feb. 26.

To begin the MPSHL playoffs the Storm faced the Huntsville Otters on Feb. 25. They opened with a 5-1 victory in Huntsville. The Otters came to Minden on Sunday Feb. 27 for Game 2 and once again went down to defeat. In a tight game the Storm won 4-3. The line of Braden Roberts, Hunter Bishop, and Tyler Casev were all over the score sheet. Roberts and Bishop had two goals each while Casey was instrumental in setting up the goal scorers. They are now set to face Bracebridge in the finals. The Bantams are sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

### Peewee AEs win one, lose one

Randy's Tree care and Landscaping Peewee AEs travelled to Brighton for the first game in the best three out of five. The Brighton Braves are a small but mighty team as they scored three goals in the first three minutes of the game, making the Storm boys look like they had stayed at home. With a time out by coach Mike MacNaull and a chat to the team, they seemed to pull themselves together some what and started to play hockey, but now playing a game of catch up. The first Storm goal was scored in the first period by Regan Casey, with assists to Max MacNaull and Drew Vanlieshout. The Storm still had a lot of work to do and managed to score two more goals in the second period tying the game, by Max MacNaull and Alex Wilbee, with assists to Ethan Cooper, Josh Rowden, Jake Bull and Greg Crofts. The Braves scored pulling ahead only to have the Storm score and tie it up again and this continued on through the third period, each team matching the other's goals.

Our goals went to Josh Rowden and Drew Vanlieshout, assists to Mac Rider, Ethan Cooper(2) and Mitch Billings. Until the go-ahead goal was scored by Ethan Cooper, with assists to Max MacNaull and Jon Morrison with two minutes to go in the third. Try as they might the Braves could not get the tying goal and the win of 6-5 went to the Highland Storm, whose now stressed out fans breathed a small sigh of relief, and wondered what Sunday's game would bring. I think the Braves had gotten our boys' attention, and given them a wake-up call.

The game Sunday in Minden started out better then Saturdays game but the Braves came out full force and the Storm boys seemed to have some trouble. It proved to be an exciting game with the Braves taking the win 3-2 after a valiant effort by the Storm boys to tie it up and force overtime. Both goals were scored by Max MacNaull, with assists to Jon Morrison, Mitch Billings and Tim Burgess. The next game is in Brighton at 6:30 p.m. on Friday March 4, and Game 4 is in Minden on Saturday, March 5 at 6 p.m., please come on out and cheer for our boys.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

## Time to get rid of winter and give your car a spring tune up

### **Dave Redinger**

QMI Agency

We're in March and spring is literally around the corner. After the serious winter we just had, your car will need a quick going over so I have included a few items you should check (your check list might differ depending on where you live).

- Change the oil and filter (warm weather grade if
- Clean the car thoroughly, inspecting the condition of the paint; repair any paint or body damage.
- De-salt this is a new term you're going to hear a lot of. Krown (the rustproofing guys) have developed a chemical soap called MR35, which dissolves and neutralizes the salts used on our highways during the winter months. It will even get rid of the stains on your vehicle carpets.
- Have your shop do an inspection of your car's mechanicals, especially items that really take a beating in the cold weather - the front end, exhaust, brakes and tires.
- Have the cooling system inspected the radiator, belts, hoses and coolant.
- Service the air conditioning system. There are green alternatives, if you're going to replace the refrigerant Duracool supplies hydrocarbon based refrigerants that

work better than the originals and are easy on the environment. Make sure to replace the cabin filter if your vehicle is so equipped.

Check your lights.

These are just a few of the things that need attention, so take a moment to talk with the folks servicing your car; they have experience with similar vehicles and may come up with some things particular to yours.

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HANCOCK, Bea - Quietly passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, February 27. 2011. In her 88th year, Beloved wife of the late Joseph Hancock (1994). Dear mother of Claude and Carolyn of Green Bank, Ed and Chris of Oakwood, Wayne and Sylvia of Prince Albert, Robert and Anne Marie of Irondale. Loving grandma of Lynn (Todd), Teresa, Jen (Tom), Lisa (Jason), Ryan (Jen), Robin (Tryne), Neil (Leslie), Keith (Yvonne), Joe and great grandma of Kate, Karyss, Jaylee, Toryn, Alyssa, Jeslyn, Mason, and Lyla. Survived by her sister Beth McRae, and by her brother Eugene (Clara) Callaghan. are invited to visit the family at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygon Rd., Minden on Tuesday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Then to the St. John's Anglican Church, Irondale for the Funeral Service on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Irondale Historical Society would appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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HOWARTH, Phyllis Elizabeth (Gibbs) -Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. In her 90th year. Loving mother of Graham (Carolyn), Jennifer, and Marshall (Linda); loving Grandma of Katie, Peter, Mark, Matthew, Celeste, and Tonya; Phyllis was further blessed with nine greatgrandchildren. Phyllis was born to a mixed family of Gibbs, Pritchard, Prentice and Sisson, all from the Haliburton area. Her beloved brother, Bruce Gibbs of Wilberforce, is the last survivor of her immediate family of eleven brothers and sisters. Phyllis lived with zest and style; a friend and mentor to young and old. She loved to cook, give dinner parties, and have a good chat. She was a master seamstress who taught dressmaking; she created at least three small businesses, including a housewares boutique in her home in Dover, Delaware, The Main Stay B&B Smyra, Delaware and the Stone House B&B in Minden, For 60 years her life was divided between her winter in Delaware and summer in Minden on a remaining piece of the old farm on which she'd been born. She built her cottage at Kennisis Lake, and, with the help of her family, the six buildings on her Stone House property. She also loved to travel, and saw most of North America, and much of the rest of the world with Bill Hudson, her dear partner of 20 years, collecting souvenirs wherever she went. Phyllis loved to work hard, to cut down a tree, to build a stone wall, to hammer together another building, to dig a new garden, to lay another Persian carpet, and at the end of the day to enjoy a scotch and cook a good meal, preferably grilled over an open fire. For 90 years Phyllis was "First class", and "Top o' the heap"; now she has finally "Pulled through"! The family would like to thank all the PSW's from CCAC, the staff at Hyland Crest, and close friends and neighbours, all of whom loved and supported Phyllis. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Minden United Church, # 21 Newcastle St., Minden, Ontario on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 10:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:00 am. Reception will follow at the church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the YWCA-Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace or World Vision would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. P.O. Box 427, Ontario K 0 M www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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WYNEN, Elizabeth Annie - Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on 21st February 2011 in her 70th year. Beloved daughter of the late Phoebe (nee Plater) and Anthony Wynen. Dear wife of John Heginbottom since 1st July 1991. Betsie is survived by her siblings Gerrie, John (Ruth), Judy, Mark (Deb), predeceased by Jane Lovingly remembered by nephews James, Kevin (Danielle)- their children Mikayla and Maddox. Zack (Val) and by the entire Heginbottom family. Elizabeth had a long and distinguished career in elementary education, was an exuberant artist, an avid gardener and devoted Baha'i. A Baha'i celebration of her life will be held at the GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday 26th February 2011 to begin at 1:00 pm. Interment will be held at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon in the spring. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Nature Conservancy of Canada or TVO. The Baha'i friends may contribute to the Canadian Baha'i Fund. www.gordonmonkfuneralhom-

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